

CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS

Lives Nebraska Stockmen Sacrificed Because Trainmen Did Not Heed "Safety First"

It seems almost unbelievable that trainmen on the Burlington railroad could be guilty of such carelessness as that which caused the accident near Smithfield, Nebr. Sunday morning, October 15th, resulting in the death of nine stockmen and the serious injury of a number of others.

The C. B. & Q. railroad officials have within the last few years tried, in many ways, to secure the utmost carelessness on the part of employees, and usually the instructions given trainmen and others are closely followed. Ordinarily one will not ride long on a Burlington freight train without observing the precautions taken by the trainmen for safety. This fact makes the carelessness of the men running the second and third sections of the ill fated stock train on the Holdrege-Sterling line all the more surprising.

The following items are taken from the Journal-Stockman of Oct. 17. If the statements made by the stockmen quoted are correct, the conductor on section 2 and the engineer on section 3 are deserving of the most severe punishment provided by law for criminal carelessness.

Stockmen Blame Train Crew

C. C. Fudge of Boone county is here looking after a shipment of three cars of cattle belonging to his father, D. E. Fudge, of Lincoln county. Mr. Fudge sr., was on the Burlington stock train that was wrecked Sunday morning, and in addition to being bruised had his leg broken below the knee. His friend and neighbor, George Hanna, who had been sitting near him, was killed. The son was telegraphed for and went to Holdrege yesterday, taking his father from there to the Hastings hospital.

Mr. Fudge says that all the men he talked with were very positive regarding the criminal carelessness that led up to the wreck. They all agreed that the headlight on the third section went dead at Eustis and that the engineer was warned several times that he was running too close to section two, which was just ahead of him. They also agree that when section 2 stopped on account of a hot box no one was sent back to flag the train which they knew was running very closely to them. There was not even a lantern on the rear of the train to give warning to the engineer on the third section. One of the five men on the rear of the caboose, noting this fact, ran into the car for a lantern, but as he came out the third section was so close that he was forced to jump for his life.

Dead and Injured in Wreck
R. A. Smith, a prominent cattleman shipping from Perkins county is here, having arrived from Lincoln where he has a string of thirteen cars of cattle to arrive here later during the day.

Mr. Smith was riding in the way car of section No. 3 of the ill fated

Burlington stock train which was wrecked Sunday morning near Smithfield. He and another man whose name he did not know, were the first to aid in taking out the dead and injured in the way car of section No. 2. Mr. Smith says that it was merely the fact that he had to stay behind and load more cattle that prevented him from being among those riding on the train which was wrecked. It was one of the worst sights he ever expects to see in his life and almost unnerved him. Some of the men were friends of his and when being taken from the wreckage they begged him to end their sufferings. Mr. Smith bears evidence of the experience he went through, a blood stained shirt which he was still wearing telling a ghastly tale. Among the victims were two men who were helping him down with his cattle. He had issued passes to them and they were riding in section 2. One of them, William Zanton is among the dead and the other, Frank Helne, suffered severe injuries.

When the section in which Mr. Smith was riding struck the train ahead Mr. Smith says that he was jolted considerably and immediately went forward to investigate.

The sight which met his eyes in the dim light of one or two lanterns, he says he would give all he is worth to have been spared seeing. The shrieks and groans still ring in his ears.

Mr. Smith accompanied the coach with the dead and injured into Holdrege where he had to stay until about 2:30 in the afternoon while the wreckage was being cleared from the

track, when he left with his cattle for Lincoln.

A Distant Relative

During the course of a trial in Chicago a witness by the name of Francis Dooley was asked, concerning the defendant:

"Are you related to Thomas Dooley?"

"Very distantly," said Francis. "I was my mother's first child—Thomas was the tenth."

Had to Replant

One morning Perkins looked over his fence and said to his neighbor: "What are you burying there?" "I'm just replanting some of my seeds, that's all," was the response. "Seeds!" exclaimed Perkins angrily. "It looks more like one of my hens." "That's all right," came from the man on the other side of the fence. "The seeds are inside."

Asking Too Much

"Bertie," said the fond mother, "how would you like to be a banker like Uncle Joseph when you grow up?" Bertie looked critically at his uncle's red face and unwieldy figure. "Couldn't I be a banker," he asked anxiously, "without being like Uncle Joseph?"

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